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**AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER (SMALL ENTITY)**

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Art Unit: 3632	Title: <b>ROD HANGER ADAPTER</b>	

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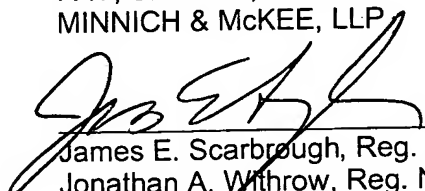
Transmitted herewith is a (an) Amendment in the above-identified application. The fee(s) has (have) been calculated as shown below.

CLAIMS AS AMENDED						
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Respectfully submitted,

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**AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL**

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Dear Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action mailed July 17, 2006, on the above-referenced patent application, Applicant(s) respectfully request reconsideration of the application.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 6.